

VILLA BANDITS KILL 3 MORE FOREIGNERS

Two Americans and a British
Rancher Cruelly
Slain.

GERMAN CONSUL ROBBED

Milling and Mining Property
Owned in U. S. in Parral
Dynamited.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 7.—Guillermo Snyman, a son of the late Gen. W. D. Snyman of New York, was shot and killed by Villa bandits at his ranch near San Pablo de Mequol, according to a message received by his friends on the border today.

Snyman was the owner of a big alfalfa ranch near Mequol, between Santa Rosa and Chihuahua city. His father died recently in Philadelphia, where another son lives. Snyman is said to have been a British subject.

Confirmation was received today of the killing of Howard Weeks, an American, at Parral on November 3, when he took that place. Weeks was working for the Alvarado Mining and Milling Company, whose officials received word that Villa had dynamited part of their mining property at Parral, after being unable to operate it. Weeks was known also as Howard Gray.

Edgar Koch, German Consul at Parral, was subjected to robberies and robbed of \$50,000 worth of silver bars by the Villistas when they took that place, according to refugees arriving here. Koch was ordered executed by Villa in the belief that he was an American, but his life was spared when he proved his nationality to be German. However, as the silver belonged to the Alvarado Mining and Milling Company, an American institution, it was confiscated.

Government agents today sent a report to Washington, saying an American, John Foster, superintendent of a hacienda, had been mutilated, then burned at the stake by Villa bandits operating near Torreon. The report was said to have been brought by refugees coming to the border from Torreon. Foster's son was forced to witness his father's execution, the refugees said.

These refugees reported also that they had seen sixty Carranza soldiers near Torreon whose ears had been cut off by Villa bandits.

PROTESTS TRIAL BY MEXICANS

Secretary Lansing Asked to
Intercede for American Citizens.

BROWNFIELD, Tex., Dec. 7.—J. H. Johnson, United States Consul at Brownfield, opposite here, today referred to Secretary of State Lansing the case of Ricardo Solis, an American citizen held in custody by Mexican officials at Matamoros.

Gov. Luis Caballero in a telegram to Mr. Johnson today insisted on trying Solis in Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, but Johnson said he would protest strongly against such action. Caballero does not name the charges against Solis.

Brother in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 7.—The man murdered by Villa bandits in Mexico and known as Howard Gray, is in fact Howard Weeks, brother of Dr. R. R. Weeks, a dentist of this city. Dr. Weeks, who has been in Mexico for a number of years, but had heard of him, indirectly, several times through a sister living in El Paso. He said that Weeks had used the name of Gray while in Mexico for business reasons.

GIRLS SPEND \$1,200 ON RUNAWAY TRIP

Money Found in Trunk Went
for Clothes, Jewelry and
Movies.

When Mabelle Henry and Marie Hart, two high school girls, sixteen years old, of Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, ran away from home two ventures into California, their first adventure into the land of liberty was to ride from the Battery to the Grand Central Terminal in a hired taxicab. According to the girls, they could afford the expense, for Mabelle had \$1,200 in her pocketbook that she had found in her mother's trunk at home.

The girls, who were traced to Joliet, Ill., were brought back to Richmond Borough yesterday in charge of a detective and taken to the Magistrate's court. There the Henry girl was arraigned before Magistrate Handy, for her father had complained to the police that \$1,200 disappeared from his home at the same time his daughter left. On his request that the charge be dropped Mabelle was paroled to her home in his custody, the Magistrate adjourning the case until Monday.

Both runaways were penniless when they reached home, for they had spent their money on fine clothes, jewelry, "movies" and travelling expenses. According to the story they told, they had wanted to see California, and the finding of the \$1,200 in bills gave them their chance. That night they took a train to the Staten Island ferry. Once in Manhattan and the neighborhood of taxi the rest was easy. At 2 o'clock in the morning they boarded a train to find out.

"We bought all the New York papers to find out if there was anything in them about us," Mabelle said. "In the forenoon, while we were in Chicago, we found out that the papers had been in the afternoon we either went to the movies or went automobile riding."

Just as they were getting ready to move toward the Pacific coast, Mabelle's aunt, Mrs. A. J. Evans of Joliet, met them on the street. She took them to her home, and sent the word to Mariner's Harbor that brought the detective for them. Both girls will return to their homes in Curtis High School Monday morning. They admitted they were glad to get home.

CITY TO SELL FOOD TO PUBLIC

Mayor of Evansville, Ind., Having
Staff in Carload Lots.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Wholesalers here announced today they had contracted with Benjamin Bovee, Mayor of Evansville, Ind., for carload lots of potatoes and other food products to be shipped to Evansville and sold directly to the public.

Mayor Bovee, who was here yesterday, asserted that with the city selling directly to the consumer he hoped to bring the cost of living back to a normal basis in Evansville.

Know Bovee Also Bovee
Bovee, Dec. 7.—Benjamin Bovee, Mayor of Evansville, Ind., is said to have been in Chicago today to see the cost of living back to a normal basis in Evansville.

NO SOUND FROM CHOIR AS IT SINGS IN CHURCH

500 Deaf Mutes at Service in
Celebration of Rector's
Golden Jubilee.

"We will now sing hymn 515," said the Rev. John Chamberlain, D. D., rector of St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church, in the church building, at 511 West 144th street, last night.

The choir, five hundred young women, arose and faced the congregation. Their hands and swiftly moving fingers swept up and down, back and forth, in unison. There was no sound of organ or voice. The "singers" were deaf mutes; so were the 500 men, women and children in the pews.

Brightly gleams our banner,
Pointing to the sky—

The hymn, the whole service was in the sign language. St. Ann's is an Episcopal church for deaf mutes. Dr. Chamberlain, who has served it for forty-four years, recently celebrated his golden wedding anniversary and also the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. His flock was celebrating in his honor last night with a religious service, and then with a presentation in the guild hall downstairs of a purse of \$200 in gold to the rector and his wife. They came from all over the city and as far away as New Haven.

Dr. Chamberlain's voice and hearing are good despite his 75 years, but he can talk with his fingers as well as the mutes themselves. The Rev. Arthur H. Judge, rector of St. Matthew's Church in Elizabeth, N. J., who was the guest of honor, translated the words into the sign language that all could understand. Bishop David H. Greer's tribute was interpreted in the same way. The congregation knelt and prayed with sign fingers.

Watching his interpreter in the presentation exercises, Bishop Greer said this was the most graceful language within his knowledge and he wished he could speak it too. There was a birthday cake with many candles for the rector, a great bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Chamberlain and coffee and sandwiches for everybody. The hum of talk and laughter, that was the only thing missing, but the people of St. Ann's had a happy evening.

MYSTERY GIFT TO RUSSIAN BAZAAR

Brilliant Sapphire Sent From
Petrograd as a Do-
nation.

To the Russian Bazaar in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, where the dime and dollars of Russia's friends have been dropped freely this week, there arrived a new donation yesterday with a mystery about it that was whispered from booth to booth. The mystery is its value and its weight, for the new gift is a brilliant white Russian sapphire set in platinum and tucked in a little case bearing the mark of a Petrograd Jeweller.

It was taken to the bazaar by Mrs. C. H. Stocum, whose husband was a member of the Russian Relief Committee in Petrograd. Mrs. Stocum did not know its value, so officials of the bazaar are going to have it appraised at Tiffany's today, after which she will send it to one of the booths. The size of the stone has been variously estimated at around twenty karats.

One man who scoured ten and twenty dollar bills yesterday at the bazaar, but finally one of the Russian girls induced him to buy a share in an \$800 automobile. A little later the wheel was turned, and John Stocum, who was the donor, was called to withdraw and turn their holdings over to Mr. Stocum. Then he began to swell the day's receipts, in addition to the money he had just won, and he had told him the lucky share.

The bazaar closes to-morrow night, and as the end draws nearer speculation increases concerning the final outcome of the beauty contest. Each afternoon and each evening the prettiest programme girls have been selected for a grand final competition on Saturday. A judge of beauty, whose decision is never accepted as final, the gallant Chauncey M. Depew himself, has consented to sit up late Saturday night and pick the prize winner. Those who have seen the competitors agree that Mr. Depew, with all his wide experience, has never faced a greater task.

For instance, yesterday afternoon's contestants were these stars from Broadway: Hazel Dawn, Mary Nash, Cathleen Neill, Marguerite Leslie, Lila Fisher, Olive and Elma Zell. Last night it was a group of movie beauties, Anita Stewart, Grace Darling, Violet Mercereau and Alma Hanlon.

Quite modern electric stoves have taken the place of the old Russian samovars in the tea room, and all because the picture show of Broadway, New York's Fire Department objected to the picturesque way of brewing Russian tea. The bazaar folks are wondering whether the Fire Department is in league with the electric light company, but still, they say, just as much tea is being sold as before.

Today is one of the biggest days at the bazaar. Pupils of the Chaff Normal School of Dancing will entertain in the afternoon, 8 to 10. Edna de Kurylo and the pupils of their school will give a series of dances at 8:30 P. M., and Anna Pavlova and her company will take the stage at 10:15 P. M.

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FOOD DEALERS TRY TO OUST DILLON

Movement Started to Leave
Commissioner Out in Depart-
ment's Reorganization.

LABOR JOINS BOYCOTT

Petty Apartment House Graft
Adds to the Cost of
Living.

Controversy between John J. Dillon, State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, and the food dealers has reached the stage where they are making every effort to eliminate him from the situation. It was learned yesterday that a movement has already been organized with this end in view.

They see the opportunity in the reported differences between Gov. Whitman and Mr. Dillon and will use all their influence to have the Commissioner left out in the cold when the proposed reorganization of his department goes into effect.

The resistance to Commissioner Dillon's order that all cold storage eggs be stamped is likely to develop into legal proceedings. Julius D. Mahr, president of the Mercantile Exchange, said that attorneys for the exchange had advised him that Commissioner Dillon had exceeded his powers and that the order is illegal. This opinion, Mr. Mahr said, is open to all members of the exchange for their guidance and he admitted that probably quite a few egg dealers would refuse to stamp their eggs.

Mr. Mahr, Charles Campbell of Campbell & Bohler, attorneys for the exchange, and Arthur Pettit of Pettit & Co., egg dealers, who refused to obey the order, had a long conference with District Attorney Swann yesterday at which they objected to the order and the Commissioner's jurisdiction. The law under which the Commissioner derives his regulatory power over cold storage was read and weight placed on the phrase which says that he may impose rules "not contrary to law."

Want Apples Stamped.

"Why doesn't this man Dillon, who has such an interest in the apple crop, have every apple kept in storage labelled?" said Mr. Mahr. "This certainly seems to me to be class legislation and contrary to law."

Commissioner Dillon through the blunder of an assistant was put in an embarrassing position yesterday, when the egg men were at first inclined to make much of Mr. Dillon's explanation that orders having been coming in for the eggs he bought to sell at low prices, and fearing that they might spoil on his hands he ordered some of them sold. On Wednesday a wholesale dealer named Miller sent in an order for canned eggs at 35 cents a dozen. George Hildebrand, Commissioner Dillon's assistant, sent uncanned eggs worth 33 cents a dozen and did not return the extra two cents a dozen until today. The egg dealer made quite a fuss over it.

Commissioner Hartigan said yesterday that the egg boycott is apparently being felt by the dealers, as he has heard that twenty cases of eggs a week are now selling only from three to five cases.

The retailers are taking up the fight against the wholesalers with renewed vigor, and Commissioner Hartigan has heard that many retail merchants are discussing the advisability of blacklisting the wholesalers who are boycotted, and applying whenever the price on them is raised arbitrarily by the manufacturer or jobber or local agent.

Labor Joins Mayors.

The executive council of the State Federation of Labor, which met in Albany yesterday, decided to support the campaign of the State Conference of Mayors and other public officials to reduce the cost of living, and will send circular letters to 2,000 locals in the State, urging that members boycott certain commodities that are agreed upon from time to time.

Some interesting sidelights on the reason for that remarkably quick appearance of the milkman and ice man after a family has just moved into an apartment were given yesterday at the session of the Wicks committee. Mrs. Daisy Pinnin, a janitress in 9 Northern avenue, was the one who tore the lid off these downstairs secrets.

She made out a regular scale of payments to janitors by milk and ice dealers in return for their goods. Those companies, she said that she got \$10, \$15 or \$25 from a milk company, \$15 or \$20 and free ice from the ice company, and bread and rolls free from the baker. And then from the other end she got Christmas presents from the tenants. Mrs. Pinnin gave the impression that janitoring is a fairly lucrative profession, for she said she moves twice a year, preferably into a new apartment, so that she can get more commissions.

Cash for New Customers.

Benjamin J. Dore, an ice man, who was formerly in the milk business, said that he paid the superintendent of a West End avenue apartment house \$2 for each new customer. The superintendent obtained for him. The milk companies also got names from the real estate agents, according to E. F. Geyer, who used to be solicitor for a milk company, but the physicians also got 10 per cent. reduction in the price of their milk if they would recommend raw milk instead of pasteurized milk.

Mary Dyer, a milk dealer, said for a large milk concern, said that it was the custom for the company to pay commissions to janitors. Up to November 1 the rate had been \$1 for every customer using a quart of milk, and 50 cents for every customer using a pint. This rate had been cut in half, and the company was now paying 25 cents for every customer using a quart of milk, and 12 1/2 cents for every customer using a pint.

The price of bread may go higher, according to a representative of the Association of Master Bakers, T. T. Frankenberg of Columbus, Ohio, who has spent several days here in conference with large bakers and Representative John J. Fitzgerald.

Bakers Will Act if Forced.

"The bakers in their plea for an embargo have been misunderstood," said Mr. Frankenberg. "It is not for ourselves, but for the consuming public that we are acting. In New York I find a very definite sentiment opposed to an embargo, and in Washington the same is true, but throughout the country the situation is different. Hundreds of thousands of persons find food stuffs almost out of their reach, and several large employers have admitted to me within the last day or two that if they had to raise the wages in proportion to the advance in the cost of living they would be forced out of business. If something is not done the ordinary individual may be forced out of eating."

Bakers can and if necessary will advance the price of bread to a point where the selling price covers the cost of manufacture, but they are loath to make an advance that is not forced upon them."

FOOD MANIPULATED.

Federal Inquiry Shows Combines
Responsible for High Prices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Information gathered from many sources by Government officials conducting the nationwide inquiry into the high cost of living pointed with increasing directness to the conclusion that the soaring prices of certain necessities of life were due, to some extent at least, to the manipulations of food and other speculative combinations, and combined to force quotations upward.

These combinations are believed by the Government investigators to have been criminal in character, rather spasmodic and rather haphazard, rather than a concerted effort to control the market.

Special attention is being given just now to alleged price manipulation in the so-called cold corner, which recently re-opened in ending prices to a panic level. Investigation of the high price of cold corn, which has already convinced some officials that there was no warrant for the \$12 coal in Boston and New York other than the activities of these alleged combinations. Whether men who profited most can be punished under Federal laws is said to be still under consideration.

Every Federal agent who even a remote relation to the situation was called on today to play its part in the great machinery of investigation, which the Government has put into operation. A mass of material has poured into the Attorney-General's office, most of which still is undigested, but all of which will be studied and utilized where available.

With the investigation in its infancy officials were unwilling to predict to what it might lead. The investigation of certain men, however, are known to be under surveillance and no small part of the work assigned the fifty-odd investigators in the field has been the checking of transactions during the last few months by these men.

ALL FRANCE UNITED, SAYS 'MATIN' EDITOR

M. Lauzanne Asserts Nation
Will Fight to Victory
Despite the Cost.

"France will fight to the end and to victory—however long it may require, whatever the expense, however great the cost in suffering."

Stephane Lauzanne, editor of the Paris *Matin*, made that declaration last night in a lecture in the hall of the French Museum of Art, 559 Fifth avenue. His subject was "With the French Soldiers in the Trenches Before Verdun." As a lieutenant, M. Lauzanne commanded a company engaged in the defence of Verdun. He is now attached to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"Louis Barthou, a former Minister, expressed our purpose when he declared 'All France for all the war,'" said M. Lauzanne. "In our ranks rich and poor are fighting side by side. We know no Republic, no Catholic, no Royalist, no free thinker. Negro troops made the recapture of Douaumont possible. We are all thoroughly united for France and the right."

The speaker described vividly the horrors of the fighting at Les Eparges, a knoll, at one side of which were the French, on the other the Germans, and the summit was strewn with the bodies of thousands of dead. He told of meeting an enthusiastic young soldier who was soon to go on leave of absence to see his mother. First, however, he had to do eight days' service at Les Eparges. Unmindful of the danger, he said, "I shall go most heartily."

Before the end of the eight days he fell mortally wounded. When his captain leaned over to receive his final message the young soldier again said: "I shall go most heartily."

"That is the spirit of the French people today," said M. Lauzanne. The lecture was illustrated with views loaned by the French Ministry of War.

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CALLS BEST NOT TOO GOOD FOR BROADWAY

Mayor Assures Merchants New
Paving Shall Be Worthy
of the Thoroughfare.

Mayor Mitchell told the members of the Broadway Association at their meeting yesterday in the Hotel Martineau that he and the other members of the Board of Estimate would see to it that Broadway is paved just as soon as the new subway is completed. He told them also that he believed the best pavement obtainable was none too good for Broadway.

The Broadway Association has 333 new members as a result of its campaign which began last Tuesday to raise the membership from 350 to 2,000. The committee enrolled seventy-six new ones yesterday and got promises from 123 others, including four banks, three trust companies, the Postal Telegraph Company and the New York Telephone Company. The final drive will come today and the committee confidently expect to reach the goal.

Mayor Mitchell said that when the new artery of rapid transit is completed the Broadway Association members will have adequate compensation for the present conditions.

"You want to get Broadway restored as fast as possible," said the Mayor, "and I want to say to you that you may rely on the help and sympathy of the city government in that work."

"I believe that the best pavement that can be devised, the most suitable to Broadway, should be none too good for the Board of Estimate to provide, and I do not believe the question of comparative cost should be a controlling element in the repaving of the thoroughfare."

Mayor Mitchell was elected unanimously an honorary member of the Broadway Association.

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